

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: October 6, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2262 (Mr. Phil English of Pennsylvania).

**Proponent name, location:** Rohm and Haas Company  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

Ion-exchange resin comprising a copolymer of styrene crosslinked with divinylbenzene, iminodiacetic acid, sodium form (CAS No. 244203-30-3) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60)

**Check one:**     ☒ Same as that in bill as introduced.  
                     ☐ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

Rohm and Haas imports this ion-exchange resin under the trade name Amberlite® IRC748. This resin was developed to provide the industry with a solid form of the chelating agent ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA). This provides the user with the capability to process liquid through an immobilized bed of ion-exchange resin for the removal of unwanted metal cations (positively charged ions) such as copper, lead, zinc, cadmium, cobalt, nickel and other environmentally deleterious metallic species. The product is used by electronic circuit printing/wiring board manufacturers, chemical and electroplaters, as well as a broad array of industries which generate waste treatment streams containing these metal ions. This resin is unique in that it reduces unwanted cations to part-per-billion levels in mediums with high concentrations of competing, but relatively benign, ions. The proponent's product is manufactured and imported from Chauny, France. Sybron Chemical, Inc. (LANXESS Corp.) also reportedly produces and imports this product from Germany

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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm)

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 3914.00.60</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$46,800	\$46,800	\$46,800	\$48,750	\$48,750

1/ Revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.02.32.  
Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and industry estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Mr. Henry P. Stoebenau 215-628-4919	08/05/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Ms. Karen L. Niedermeyer 412-777-2058	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeder 202-429-3400	08/11/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Ms. Jamie B. Schaeffer 412-809-3666	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Purolite Company Mr. Don Brodie Fax: 610-668-1997	8/12/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2262

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. ION EXCHANGE RESIN COMPRISING A COPOLY-**  
4                       **MER OF STYRENE CROSSLINKED WITH**  
5                       **DIVINYLBENZENE, IMINODIACETIC ACID, SO-**  
6                       **DIUM FORM.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.32 of the Har-  
8       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended  
9       by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

10       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11       subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

